

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle safety device wearable on the torso of a person, the device comprising:

a body having a front portion and a back portion, the front portion having a plurality of releasable straps adapted to receive a vehicle seat belt such that the seat belt can be removably connected to the device by the releasable straps so as to secure the seat belt to the body of the device,

wherein at least one releasable strap is mounted to a waist portion of the front portion of the device and at least one releasable strap is mounted to a shoulder portion of the front portion of the device,

~~wherein each releasable strap includes a releasable clip coupled to one end thereof that is configured to mate with another clip to retain the seat belt against the safety device; and~~

~~wherein the releasable strap that is provided at the waist portion of the device is disposed diagonally with respect to a bottom edge of the device~~

wherein the releasable straps that are mounted to the waist and shoulder portions of the device are positioned on the device to accommodate a diagonally extending strap of the seat belt.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising eyelets formed in the body of the device and wherein each releasable strap comprises a fabric strap removeably connected to the body of the device through the eyelets.

4. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each releasable strap is fixedly connected to the body of the device.

5. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body of the device is made from fabric.

6. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body of the device is made from strengthened synthetic fabric.

7. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body of the device is sleeveless.

8. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the front portion of the body and the back portion of the body are formed in a single piece.

9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the front portion of the body and the back portion of the body are fixedly connected at a shoulder section only.

10. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1,
further comprising a pair of arm holes; and

wherein the body has a side below each of the arm holes and the front portion and the back portion of the device are removably attached down the sides of the body by a releasable clip.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the releasable clip comprises a hook and eye fastener which extends at least in part up each side of the body to a position below each of the arm holes.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the device further comprises a neck hole; and

at least one of the releasable straps is positioned at or near a portion of the body of the device so as to guide the diagonally extending strap of the belt away from the neck hole or face of the person.

15. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each releasable strap includes a releasable clip coupled to one end thereof that is configured to mate with another clip to retain the seat belt against the safety device.

16. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the releasable strap that is provided at the waist portion of the device is disposed diagonally with respect to a bottom edge of the device.